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Dear Sir/Madam:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2004 in the above-referenced application.

The Applicants believe that a one-month extension of time is required and respectfully petition therefor. The Applicants, however, conditionally petition for a further extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account 04-1105 for any required fee.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV438995095US, in an envelope addressed to: MS Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.Q. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: September 3, 2004

(Lakeisha Bryant)